

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Norihito NAITO, et al.)	Examiner: Unassigned
Appl. No.: 10/528,341)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: November 18, 2005)	Confirmation No: 4346
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)	October 19, 2006
CARTRIDGE, AND STORING)	
STORING DEVICE MOUNTED)	
TO THE CARTRIDGE)	

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the Japanese document discussed in the attached October 9, 2006 Korean Office Action issued in a foreign counterpart application. A copy of this Japanese document is also attached, and both the Japanese document and the Korean Office Action are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese document is found in the attached English abstract thereof. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,583,621, also listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 corresponds to the Japanese document.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed due. However, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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